


MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Denise Blakeslee, Administrative Assistant 
Community Development Department

DATE: October 21, 2003

RE: Worksession October 23, 2003

Reminder the Planning Commission will take a Dial-A-Ride Bus to tour the General Chemical Site and T.E.S. Filer Station Thursday, October 23, 2003 . We will meet in the Council Chambers and leave promptly at 5:30 p.m. After the site inspections we will return to City Hall to reconvene the Worksession.

The City has made arrangements to tour the Erickson Power Plant in Lansing on Thursday, October 30, 2003. The car pool will leave City Hall at 7:00 a.m. and arrive in Lansing at approximately 10:30 a.m. for the tour. The group will return to Manistee following the tour. The Plant has requested that you wear long sleeves and steel-toed footwear if possible. If any Planning Commission members are interested in attending the tour you must notify the office as soon as possible so that transportation can be arranged.

Enclosed in your packet is the Ethics Training Information. Please notify me if you will be attending the class.

Councilman Marshall found some noise level information from the League for the Hard of Hearing (enclosed). This is in response to the noise level questions that were asked at the Worksession.

We have received a letter of resignation from Phil Picardat. Mr. Serocki has also resigned as a regular member of the Planning Commission and has been appointed as an Honorary Member. This appointment will allow John to continue receiving packets and when he is able to sit with the Planning Commission.

If you are unable to attend the worksession please call me. See you Thursday!!

cc: City Manager



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Manistee Planning Commission will go on a site visit at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2003. The site visit will be to the General Chemical Site, 1501 Main Street and the T.E.S. Filer Station, 700 Mee Street. After the site visit the Planning Commission will re-convene in the Council Chambers at City Hall 70 Maple Street, Manistee, MI 49660 for a worksession.

This notice was posted by Denise J. Blakeslee, to comply with Sections 4 & 5 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (P.A. 267 of 1976) at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2003 on the bulletin board at the south entrance to City Hall.

Signed: Denise J. Blakeslee
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How Loud is Too Loud? Experts agree that continued exposure to noise above 85 dBA over time, will cause hearing loss. To know if a sound is loud enough to damage your ears, it is important to know both the loudness level (measured in decibels, dBA) and the length of exposure to the sound. In general, the louder the noise, the less time required before hearing loss will occur. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (1998), the maximum exposure time at 85 dBA is 8 hours. At 110 dBA, the maximum exposure time is one minute and 29 seconds. If you must be exposed to noise, it is recommended that you limit the exposure time and/or wear hearing protection.

Measure Up and Turn it Down: Decibel Levels Around Us The following are decibel levels of common noise sources around us. These are typical levels, however, actual noise levels may vary depending on the particular item. Remember noise levels above 85 dBA will harm hearing over time. Noise levels above 140dBA can cause damage to hearing after just one exposure.

Points of Reference *measured in dBA or decibels

- 0 The softest sound a person can hear with normal hearing
- 10 normal breathing
- 20 whispering at 5 feet
- 30 soft whisper

- 50 rainfall
- 60 normal conversation
- 110 shouting in ear
- 120 thunder

Work

Home

- 50 refrigerator
- 50 - 60 electric toothbrush
- 50 - 75 washing machine
- 50 - 75 air conditioner
- 50 - 80 electric shaver
- 55 coffee percolator
- 55 - 70 dishwasher
- 60 sewing machine
- 60 - 85 vacuum cleaner
- 60 - 95 hair dryer
- 65 - 80 alarm clock
- 70 TV audio
- 70 - 80 coffee grinder
- 70 - 95 garbage disposal
- 75 - 85 flush toilet
- 80 pop-up toaster
- 80 doorbell

- 40 quiet office, library
- 50 large office
- 65 - 95 power lawn mower
- 80 manual machine, tools
- 85 handsaw
- 90 tractor
- 90 - 115 subway
- 95 electric drill
- 100 factory machinery
- 100 woodworking class
- 105 snow blower
- 110 power saw
- 110 leafblower
- 120 chain saw, hammer on nail
- 120 pneumatic drills, heavy machine
- 120 jet plane (at ramp)
- 120 ambulance siren
- 125 chain saw

Recreation

- 40 quiet residential area
- 70 freeway traffic
- 85 heavy traffic, noisy restaurant
- 90 truck, shouted conversation
- 95 - 110 motorcycle
- 100 snowmobile
- 100 school dance, boom box
- 110 disco
- 110 busy video arcade
- 110 symphony concert
- 110 car horn
- 110 - 120 rock concert
- 112 personal cassette player on high
- 117 football game (stadium)
- 120 band concert
- 125 auto stereo (factory installed)

- 80 ringing telephone
- 80 whistling kettle
- 80 - 90 food mixer or processor
- 80 - 90 blender
- 80 - 95 garbage disposal
- 110 baby crying
- 110 squeaky toy held close to the ear
- 135 noisy squeeze toys
- 130 jackhammer, power drill
- 130 air raid
- 130 percussion section at symphony
- 140 airplane taking off
- 150 jet engine taking off
- 150 artillery fire at 500 feet
- 180 rocket launching from pad
- 130 stock car races
- 143 bicycle horn
- 150 firecracker
- 156 capgun
- 157 balloon pop
- 162 fireworks (at 3 feet)
- 163 rifle
- 166 handgun
- 170 shotgun

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John Serocki
405 Oak Street
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Dear John,

You have been a very important member of the Planning Commission and your past performance is deeply appreciated. The Planning Commission has been experiencing quorum problems for worksessions and meetings which is making it difficult for the board to perform its duties.

We would like to appoint you as an Honorary Member of the Planning Commission. This appointment would allow you to continue receiving packets and to sit with the Planning Commission when you are once again able to attend meetings, but would allow City Council to appoint a person to the remainder of your unexpired term on the Planning Commission. Your term expires in October 2004. You could reapply as an active member at that time.

In response to your phone conversation with Mr. Rose on October 20, 2003 we acknowledge your resignation and acceptance of the appointment as an Honorary Member of the Planning Commission. We hope that you have a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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City Manager

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